

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, in the Office Action claims 2-14 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 15, and 16 were rejected.

By the present response each of rejected claims 1, 15 and 16 is herein canceled without prejudice. Further, each of previously pending dependent claims 2 and 3 is herein rewritten in independent form, and those amended now independent claims 2 and 3 are believed to be allowable based on the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 2-14 in the Office Action.

Each of claims 11 and 14 is herein also amended to address the objections noted in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

Further, by the present response new dependent claims 21-30 are added for examination, which depend from now rewritten allowable independent claim 2, and thus new claims 21-30 are also believed to be allowable. Further, applicants submit new claims 21-30 are clear from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus do not add any new matter.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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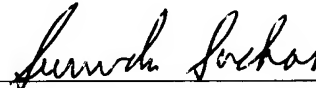
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